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**Act No. 42 (S.124). Public service; Public Utility Commission; dams; penalties**

**An act relating to miscellaneous utility subjects**

This act makes multiple changes to laws within the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission. This act:

- clarifies that nonfederal dams under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction are not under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission (PUC)
- strikes language requiring a certificate from the PUC for flood control projects that may generate electricity
- adds language to allow the PUC's Clerk to appoint former Commission members to sit on a case if other members of the Commission are disqualified or unavailable
- raises the amount of penalties for violations under Title 30
- raises the income requirements for low-income programs for electricity customers from 150 percent of the federal poverty level to 185 percent of the federal poverty level
- shifts the requirement to provide notice of an application for a project of limited size and scope from the PUC to the applicant and strikes the requirement that the notice for the application be posted on the PUC's website
- allows that when a change to a service territory is proposed, no hearing is required if no one requests a hearing and the Commission does not think a hearing is necessary
- gives the PUC the authority to grant extensions of the deadlines for commissioning milestones for standard-offer projects for good cause

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 20, 2021